

REMARKS

Applicant hereby responds to the Final Office Action of March 18, 2005 and the Advisory Action Before the Filing of An Appeal Brief of July 6, 2005. Before this Reply, Claims 1-33 were pending in the above-referenced patent application. Claims 1-27 were allowed, and only Claims 28-33 are subject to rejection.

Through this Reply, Claims 28-33 have been cancelled, without prejudice to the filing of a Divisional Application to pursue further prosecution on the merits of those claims. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections of Claims 28-33 and the arguments therefore. However, by canceling Claims 28-33 from this application without prejudice to the filing of further Divisional applications to pursue those claims, Applicant has rendered the rejections of Claims 28-33 moot in this application and placed the application in condition for allowance.

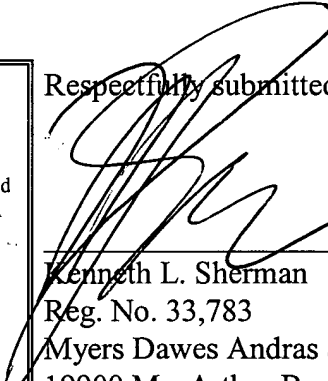
CONCLUSION

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Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for his time in examining the merits of this patent application and its claims. Accordingly, Applicant believes the above-referenced patent application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests the timely issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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